

# **LAS Links**

## **English Proficiency Assessment**

### **WHO?**

The 2007 statewide administration of LAS Links must include all LEP students in grades K-12 (*as well as any students that scored an Overall Level 5 on LAS Links in Spring 2006*). Students scoring fluent (Level 5) on the LAS Links Placement Test in Fall 2006 need not be included in the Spring 2007 administration.

### **WHAT?**

As required by the *No Child Left Behind* Act, the annual LAS Links English proficiency assessment is being administered in Spring 2007 to all limited English proficient (LEP) students. This assessment measures annual growth in the English language domains of listening, speaking, reading, writing, and comprehension. The LAS Links English proficiency assessment is linked to Indiana's K-12 English Language Proficiency (ELP) Standards and is broken into the grade cluster assessments: K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12.

### **WHEN?**

LAS Links is administered each Spring to measure progress and determine exiting from services. The Spring 2007 test administration window is February 16 through April 13, 2007. Test materials must be returned to CTB/McGraw-Hill for scoring by April 18, 2007.

The Placement Test version of LAS Links is administered to newly-enrolling LEP students within 30 days at the beginning of the school year and within 2 weeks of late enrollment during the school year.

### **WHERE?**

The LAS Links English proficiency assessment must be administered annually by all public and charter schools. Non-public schools must annually administer an English proficiency assessment but are not required to use LAS Links.

### **HOW?**

LAS Links may be administered in small groups with the exception of the Speaking domain, which is administered individually. The Speaking domain is scored locally by the district, whereas all other test domains are to be scored by CTB. The test examiner must be fluent in English and familiar with the test content and Speaking scoring rubrics. Information on ordering and technical assistance is available through the CTB Help Desk at (800) 282-1132.

### **WHY?**

Title III of the *No Child Left Behind* Act requires the annual English proficiency assessment to ensure that LEP students are making progress in learning English and attaining English proficiency. LAS Links results are utilized for state and federal reporting.

### **MORE INFORMATION:**

[http://www.doe.state.in.us/lmmp/LAS\\_links.html](http://www.doe.state.in.us/lmmp/LAS_links.html)